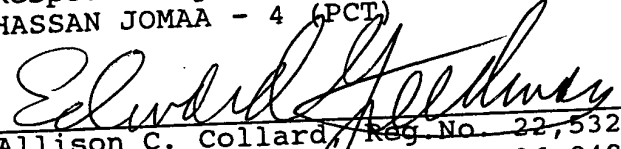


REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, the application has been amended to conform with U.S. practice, the cross-reference to related applications has been inserted on page 1, claims 1-11 have been canceled and replaced with new claims 12-21 and an Abstract has been provided. No new matter has been introduced. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

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EXHIBIT A

Marked-up Version of Prior Pending
Paragraphs Showing the Changes Made

Page 1, after formula (I), replace lines 7-26 with the following paragraphs:

--in which

A₁, A₂, A₃, A₄, which may be identical or different, are selected from the group which consists of hydrogen, [substituted and unsubstituted alkyl, substituted and unsubstituted aryl, substituted and unsubstituted aralkyl, substituted and unsubstituted cycloalkyl, substituted and unsubstituted heterocyclic residue,] metals of main groups I, II and III of the periodic system, such as Na, K, Ca, Mg, Al as well as substituted and unsubstituted ammonium and ammonium compounds derived from ethylenediamine or amino acids,

X[, which may also be] is absent[,] or is selected from the group which consists of alkylene with up to 9 carbon atoms, alkenylene with up to 9 carbon atoms, [and] hydroxyalkylene with up to 9 carbon atoms and amidino,

R₁ is selected from the group which consists of H, OH, NH₂, -CH₃, [and] R₂[, which are identical or different, are] is selected from the group which consists of H, OH, -NH₂, substituted and unsubstituted acyl, substituted and unsubstituted alkyl, substituted and unsubstituted aryl, substituted and unsubstituted cycloalkyl, substituted and unsubstituted aralkyl, substituted and unsubstituted heterocyclic residue and [-SR₃, Cl and -NR₃R₄, in which R₃, R₄, which may be identical or different, are selected from the group which consists of H, OH, substituted and unsubstituted acyl, substituted and unsubstituted alkyl, substituted and unsubstituted aryl, substituted and unsubstituted aralkyl, substituted and unsubstituted cycloalkyl and substituted and unsubstituted heterocyclic residue, and] the pharmaceutically compatible salts, amides, esters and salts of the esters or

compounds which, on administration, form the compounds to be administered as metabolites or breakdown products,--

Page 3, replace lines 8-14 with the following paragraphs:

--Preferably suitable substances of the formula (I) are those in which R_1 and R_2 are identical or different, are selected

which
A₁, A₂, A₃, A₄, which may be identical or different, are selected from the group which consists of hydrogen, [substituted and unsubstituted alkyl, substituted and unsubstituted aryl, substituted and unsubstituted aralkyl, substituted and unsubstituted cyloalkyl, substituted and unsubstituted heterocyclic residue,] metals of main groups I, II and III of the periodic system, such as Na, K, Ca, Mg, Al, substituted and unsubstituted ammonium and ammonium compounds derived from ethylenediamine or amino acids,

amino acids,
X[, which may also be] is absent[,] or is selected from the group
which consists of alkyl, [(CH₂)₀₋₆] (CH₂)₁₋₆, in particular
(CH₂)₁₋₅, and amidino,--

[illegible]